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APPLICANT: Lothar Eggeling *et al.*

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EXAMINER: C. Fronda

FOR: "Method for Microbially Producing L-Valine"

**MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2007, the time for a response to which has been extended to and through May 3, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.